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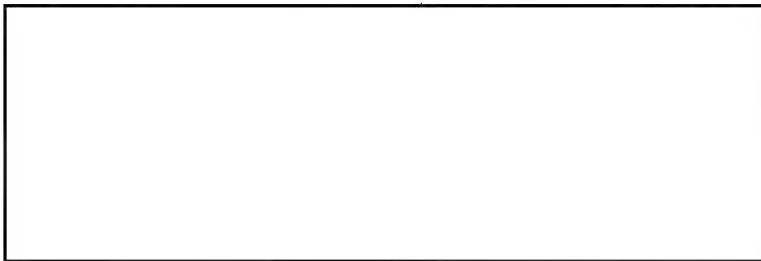
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Only in several instances where it has been evident that there would be a student protest or confrontation with our recruiters have we arranged to conduct our recruiting activities from the premises of the most conveniently located Federal building. In these situations of possible student confrontation it is our belief that asking our recruiters to stay on campus in the face of student demonstrations permits an issue to be drawn by those small radically militant groups who do not represent student bodies generally and that protests of this sort serve only to complicate the efforts of university communities to maintain an equitable balance in the relationships between university authorities and the representatives of student bodies. Our withdrawal from some of the campuses removes a circumstance of controversy which serves neither the development of wholesome relationships within the university community nor the conduct of fruitful interviews between the Agency and applicants.

I am certain that you will agree that the few instances in which this Agency withdrew from active campus recruiting should not in any way be construed by other agencies or organizations as a suggestion that they might also consider off campus recruiting. I greatly appreciate your interest in these matters and hope that this letter will assist your understanding of our position. Please do not hesitate to call on us if there is anything further we can do.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Robert S. Wattles
Director of Personnel

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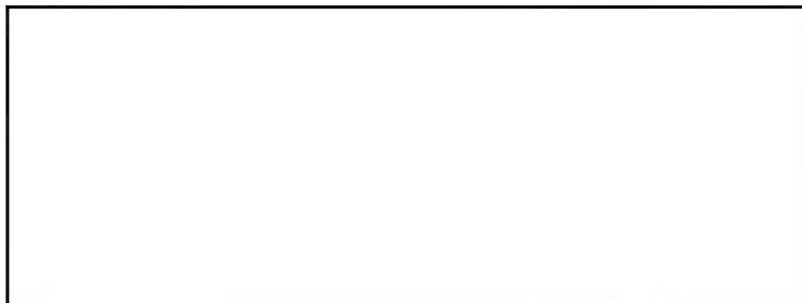
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